**Rashtriya Mahila Kosh**

3320. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes for promotion and support of women undertaken by Rashtriya Mahila Kosh during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the target for loans set by Rashtriya Mahila Kosh during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether his Ministry has observed that there is a need to review the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh; and

(d) if so, whether any committee has been constituted to look into the entire amount of Rashtriya Mahila Kosh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The schemes of Rashtriya Mahila Kosh in operation for the promotion and support of women during the last three years in the country are Main Loan Scheme, Loan Promotion Scheme, Revolving Fund Scheme, Marketing Finance Scheme, Nodal Agency Scheme, Gold Credit Card Scheme, Franchise Scheme and Bulk Lending.

(b) The loan target set by Rashtriya Mahila Kosh during the last three years; year wise is as under:-

| Year | Target |
|---|---|
| 2002-03 | Rs.25.41 Crores |
| 2003-04 | Rs.24.82 Crores |
| 2004-05 | Rs.30.54 Crores |

(c) Rashtriya Mahila Kosh has decided to open Regional Outreach Centers to expand its activities.

(d) No, Sir.

**Telecast of India-Bangladesh Cricket Test Match**

3321. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BRAODCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan did not telecast full coverage of India-Bangladesh Cricket Test Match from 10th to 13th December, 2004;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure full telecast of such events of mass public interest in future?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that the telecast rights of the said match played in Bangladesh were not with them.

(c) Prasar Bharati has informed that they acquire the rights of sporting events held outside India, including cricket matches, based on its programme requirements and availability of funds for the purpose. Some of the noteworthy telecasts in the past include the World Cup Cricket Tournament 2003, Athens Olympics 2004, Asia Cup Cricket, 2004.

**Serials on Indian Classical Literature**

3322. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prasar Bharati has given up the plan to produce serials on Indian classical literature and great story writers;

(b) if so, the details of the serials which were proposed to be produced based on the Indian classical literature; and

(c) the reasons for giving up the plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The norm for selection of stories for the Indian Classic series is Sahitya Academy Award winning works, Jananpith Award winning writers, and other prominent classics. The selection of serials has not yet been finalized.

(c) Does not arise.